

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021050392

Project Title: Thousand Palms Canyon Road Widening Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-26005-R6)

Project Location (include county): The Thousand Palms Canyon Road Widening Project (Project) is located east of the unincorporated community of Thousand Palms in Riverside County, CA, along Thousand Palms Canyon Rd from Ramon Rd/Washington St heading north to Dillon Rd, totaling approximately 4.71 miles long, as shown on the USGS Myoma and East Deception Canyon, California 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles in Sections 01,12,13,14,and 36 of Township 3 South and 4 South, Range 6 East, and Sections 25 and 30 of Township 3 South, Range 6 East and 7 East respectively.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-RIV-26005-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Project Applicant, Riverside County Transportation Department, as represented by Mary Zambon.

The Project consists of impacts to streams associated with the widening and resurfacing of pavement along Thousand Palms Canyon Road, between Ramon Road/Washington Street and Dillon Road. The Project is limited to 0.014 acres of permanent impacts to areas within Drainages 1-9 as identified in Exhibits 2-7 of the Streambed Alteration Agreement. Permanent impacts to streams include vegetation removal, grading, compacting, and installation of asphalt associated with road widening and resurfacing. The Project will not result in temporary impacts.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on April 22, 2022, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will / will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were / were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 4/22/2022

For Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____